THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir. However, it does remain a socio-economic problem.

(b) A micro study of four traffic intersections conducted by the NGO revealed that respondents came from these States in search of livelihood.

(c) No, Sir. However, given the complexity of the problem the efforts made in this regard have to be continous.

(d) An Anti-begging Squad has been constitued for apprehending beggars from public places. During the period between April, 2001 to March, 2002, a total of 1755 beggars were apprehended. The apprehended beggars are sent to 12 custodial institutions being run by the Government of NCT of Delhi where services like boarding, lodging, medical care, vocational training, counselling and guidance are provided for weaning them away from begging and making them self reliant. Similarly, children below 18 years of age are sent to 14 separate institutions being run by the Government where services like boarding, lodging, vocational training, education, recreation and placement are provided.

Security arrangements during Amarnath Yatra

†1531. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made elaborate arrangements for the security of pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra this year in view of the tension between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) State Government has indicated that Government is firm in its resolve to provide adequate security to Amarnathji Yatra in view of the prevailing security scenario. Accordingly comprehensive security arrangements have been made. Each constituent of the security forces has been assigned specific duties and responsibilities like area domination and guarding of heights

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along the route, sanitization of roads/routes, road opening parties (ROPs), escort duty, camp security, access control, manning check posts, anti-sabotage checks, and keeping forces in reserve for exigencies etc. during the period of the Yatra. A mechanism for coordination of Yatra related security measures has also been put in place. The Deputy Commissioners of Anantanag and Srinagar have also drawn up detailed Disaster Management Plans for evacuation for Yatris in the event of any disaster or mishap.

New strategy to evict Bangladeshi Nationals

†1532. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently formulated a new strategy to evict Bangladeshi Nationals living illegally in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether Government have received reports about the involvement of Bangladeshi Nationals in criminal incidents in the capital and other parts of the country and creating disturbance on the directions of ISI;

(d) if so, the number of such incidents which have come to the notice so far; and

(e) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) In pursuance of a recent order of the High Court of Delhi, in a Public Interest Litigation, the Government of India have launched a Special Drive to detect and deport the illegal Bangladeshi Nationals from Delhi.

(b) The Delhi Police has created 10 Task Forces specially to identify and deport and illegal Bangladeshis in Delhi. A Nodal Authority under Union Home Secretary has been set up to monitor the progress. The strategy is already under implementation and the drive is under progress.

(c) to (e) Law and order being a State subject, criminal cases are investigated by the State Police authorities as and when criminal incidents involving Bangladeshis are reported. Data, in this regard, is not maintained centrally.

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